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Re: Application of: Christoph HOMMEL, et al.  
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Application PCT/EP2005/00957, filed Feb. 1, 2004  
For: **JOINING AREA FOR ATTACHING AN ADD-ON  
PIECE TO A VEHICLE BODY**

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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